GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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OUTSTANDING ROYALTY OF BCCL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal royalty outstanding on various coal companies during the last three years, State-wise and unit-wise;

(b) the States which have taken action for recovery of arrears of royalty from these coal companies during the said period;

(c) whether any State Government have taken steps to attach the assets of any coaL company for recovery of royalty; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE .MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

(a) There is no coal royalty outstanding payable by the subsidiary coal companies of Coal India Limited (C1L) and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) to any State Government during the last three years. However, Government of Jharkhand have raised various demands of royalty on account of stock shortage/non vendable coal relating to earlier periods on Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL). All such cases involving total amount of Rs. 48.87 crores are subjudice. CCL has paid an amount of Rs. 13.40 crores under protest against the above demands to the state authorities on the basis of court orders. The disputed royalty dues of Bharat Coking Coal Limited to the Government of Jharkhand which have not been paid, are Rs. 5.19 crores, Rs. 8.26 crores and Rs. 9.57 crores for 2001-02, 2002-093 and 2003-04 respectively.

(b) Only State of Jharkhand has taken action for recovery of arrears of royalty from CCL. No other State has taken any action against any coal company for recovery of arrears of royalty.

(c) and (d) From time to time steps have been initiated by Government of Jharkhand to attach the assets of CCL against the pending/subjudice cases. However, till date no attachment has been done in CCL.